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SUBJECT: PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING SULFUR FROM GYPSUM

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- 1. ELCOR CHEMICAL CO. DOES HAVE PROCESS USING SHAFT-KILN REACTOR RATHER THAN FLUIDIZED BED. ORTLOFF CORP., DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION FIRM OWNED BY ELCOR, BUILT PLANT FOR ELCOR IN TEXAS IN 60'S WHEN SULFUR PRICES WERE HIGH. FACILITY OPERATED COMMERCIALLY FOR FEW MONTHS UNTIL FALL IN SULFUR PRICES MADE PROCESS ECONOMICALLY UNFEASIBLE, AND PLANT HAS SINCE BEEN DISMANTLED.
- 2. ACCORDING TO ELCOR THEY WERE ONLY FIRM THAT ACTUALLY OPERATED COMMERCIAL FACILITY TO MAKE SULFUR FROM GYPSUM, HOWEVER OTHER PROCESSES MAY HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED. ELCOR IS STILL INTERESTED IN BUILDING FACILITY OF THIS TYPE AND IS CURRENTLY DISCUSSING SUCH POSSIBILITY WITH INDIAN CONCERNS.
- 3. SUGGEST PAKISTANIS WRITE DIRECTLY TO ROY E. CAMPBELL, PRESIDENT, ELCOR CHEMICAL CO., 500 WILCO BLDG., MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701 TO GET DETAILS. KISSINGER UNCLASSIFIED

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